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INsofar AS BAHRAIN IS CONCERNED, I SUPPORT FULLY AMBASSADOR STERNER'S OBSERVATION REFTEL. ALTHOUGH GOB WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE IT HAS CLOSER RELATIONS WITH USG THAN DOES ANY OTHER GULF STATE, NOT SINCE IT SHORTLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE STUCK ITS NECK OUT FOR US ON UN'S CHINA ISSUE HAS GOB FELT ABLE TO STRAY FROM "ARAB BLOC" ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES (NOTABLY IN UNGA). OUR URGING GOB SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IS COURTEOUSLY, EVEN SYMPATHETICALLY, RECEIVED BUT DOES NOT SEEM TO BUDGE GOB. IN TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT EXACTLY CONSTITUTES THE "ARAB BLOC" GOB IS OFTEN UNWILLING TO FOLLOW THE SAUDI LEAD UNLESS EGYPT ALSO TAKES SAME POSITION AS SAUDIS. WHEN EGYPT AND OTHER "PROGRESSIVE" ARABS STATES ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE, GOB, LIKE KUWAIT, OFTEN FEELS
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COMPELLED TO JOIN THEM, NOTWITHSTANDING GOB'S GENERAL

DESIRE TO KEEP ON BEST OF TERMS WITH SAUDIS. UNFORTUNATELY
USG POSITION AND THAT OF "ARAB PROGRESSIVES" SELDOM SEEM TO
COINCIDE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

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